

**Bernards Township Golf Advisory**  
**Commission Minutes – January 27, 2020 – 7:00**  
**PM Municipal Building, 1 Collyer Lane**  
**APPROVED, April 15, 2020**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Jen Gander called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act of 1975. The Commission saluted the flag and the roll was called.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Greg Angelillo  
James Baldassare  
Michael Conley  
John Gunning  
John Meany  
Timothy O'Rourke  
Peter Tobia

**Members Absent:**

None: Ana McCarthy

**Non-Members Present:**

Matt Sullivan, Shearon  
Jen Gander, Director  
Kelly Kellaway, Recording Secretary  
Sean O'Grady, Assistant Director

**3. INTRODUCTION**

A. Committee members introduced themselves.

**4. RE-ORGANIZATION**

A. Nominations for 2020 Chairperson

- i. Motion was made by M. Conley to nominate T. O'Rourke as 2020 Chairperson, seconded by J. Gunning. All in favor, motion passed.

B. Nominations for 2020 Deputy Chairperson

- i. Motion was made by T. O'Rourke to nominate M. Conley as 2020 Deputy Chairperson, seconded by P. Tobia. All in favor, motion passed.

## **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **A. November 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

- i. Motion was made by M. Conley to accept the November 18, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by P. Tobia. All in favor, motion passed.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **A. None.**

## **7. REPORTS**

### **A. Shearon Golf Report, Post Closing and Pre Season–Matt Sullivan**

- a. Getting things ready for the season. Hoping to aerate and needle time and over seed in March and then do regular aeration in April.

### **B. Directors Report – Jennifer Gander**

- a. Course Repairs, holes 2 & 3
  - i. J. Gander updated the Committee regarding Hole 2 & 3 repairs. Hole 3 is completely repaired and the area near the fence along hole 2 is scheduled to be completed before course opening. Restoration of disturbed areas by both projects will continue this spring.
- b. Driving Range
  - i. J. Gander met with the VA to discuss options for reopening the range. The Township is working towards a lease agreement with the VA to operate the range by contract with an outside non-profit organization. No agreement has been reached to date.
- c. 2020 Membership Renewals
  - i. J. Gander updated the Committee on the number of memberships sold to date and revenue collected.
- d. 2020 Budget Status
  - i. J. Gander updated the Committee on the 2020 budget. Our 2019 actual expenses were covered by our revenues, however we had to reduce the budget amount for 2020 to not exceed our actual 2019 revenue.

### **C. Summary of Fall 2019 Walkthrough with J. Devaney**

- a. G. Angelillo updated the Committee of highlights of the walk through with J. Devaney. He suggested making some procedural changes and noted weather has been challenging for all courses.

### **D. Summary of Fall 2019 Walkthrough with B. Swanson of Rees Jones Inc.**

- a. G. Angelillo updated the Committee of highlights of the walk through with B. Swanson and J. Gander. The bones from the original Jones course are still there. He made many suggestions like opening mouths of greens to speed up play. Remove trees that are disruptive of play and slow pace of play. Bryce has

volunteered to come out and help work with M. Sullivan from Shearon to make minor changes to course to make it better.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Approval of Golf Advisory Committee By-Laws for 2020
  - a. Motion to approve the Golf Advisory Committee By-Laws for 2020 was made by M. Conley and second by P. Tobia. All were in favor, motion passed.
- B. Tree Removal on the Course
  - a. The Golf Advisory Committee discussed and mapped out some trees that need to be removed to help speed/improve pace of play.

## **9. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Course Logo
  - a. G. Angelillo mentioned the Committee may want to think about changing the course logo to be more simplistic and identifiable and tie into the history of the course and its VA location. He will come up with a few options and forward to the members of the committee.
- B. Score Card Options
  - a. The Committee discussed options for printing score cards at no cost, both with ads and without.
- C. Membership Renewals, Marketing and Promotion
  - a. The Committee discussed.
- D. Membership Program Planning (i.e., Leagues, Meet-Ups)
  - a. A subcommittee was created and M. Conley, P. Tobia and T. O'Rourke volunteered to be on it.

## **10. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**

None.

## **11. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn was made by M. Conley and seconded by P. Tobia. All in favor; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

### **13.GROUP PHOTO**

The Committee took a photo for the website.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Kelly Kellaway

Recording Secretary